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THE INCREDIBLE HULK

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GUEST STARRING
THE
SILVER
SURFER!



Caught in the heart of a *Nuclear Explosion*, victim of *Gamma-Radiation* gone wild, Doctor Robert Bruce Banner now finds himself transformed in times of stress into seven feet, one thousand pounds of unfettered *Fury*—the most powerful creature to ever walk the earth—

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE INCREDIBLE HULK!**

CHAPTER
1

THE MONSTER!

HULK LIKES THIS
PLACE. IT IS
QUIET. QUIET IS
GOOD.

THE ROLLING FIELDS ARE NOT FOR HIM-- HE IS
A MONSTER. THE FARMHOUSES SET LIKE TOYS
ABOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE NOT FOR HIM-- HE
WOULD DESTROY THEM.

HE IS THE MOST FIERCE MORTAL ON THE
FACE OF THE EARTH-- BUT THAT MEANS
NOTHING.

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NOT ALL HIS SUPERHUMAN
STRENGTH CAN WIN HIM A
PLACE IN THIS WORLD OF MEN.
NOT ALL HIS POWER CAN
CONQUER HIS LONELINESS...

...FOR HE IS THE MAN-
MONSTER MEN CALL--
THE HULK! THAT IS HIS
SORROW. THAT IS HIS
CURSE.

LEIGH

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THERE IS LONGING IN THE HULK'S EYES AS HE LEAVES THE MOUNTAINS FOR THE FERTILE FIELDS.

MAYBE MEN WILL NOT BOTHER HULK HERE.



IF THEY DO, HULK WILL **SMASH** THEM.



THE PEACEFUL PASTORAL PANORAMA HAS ITS CALMING EFFECT ON THE GREAT GREEN GOLIATH. HIS PULSE RATE SLOWS, ONCE AGAIN TRIGGERING THE AWESOME CHANGE FROM MONSTER... TO MAN!

BUT HULK IS SO TIRED OF SMASHING... OF FIGHTING...

...OF EVERYTHING!



JUST WANT THE NIGHTMARE TO END!



SO THAT I COULD SPEND AN HOUR --A DAY-- GOD IN HEAVEN, A WEEK-- WITHOUT BECOMING THE HULK AGAIN!



ONE WEEK AS **BRUCE BANNER!** IS THAT SO MUCH TO ASK??



SUDDENLY...

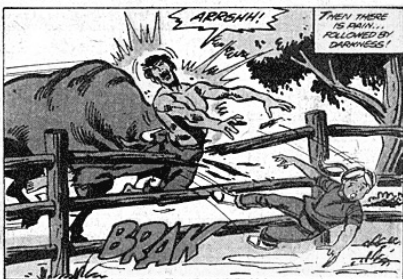


SOMEBODY, PLEASE, HELP ME!!



THE CHILD'S STUMBLING... FALLING?

I'VE GOT TO REACH HER BEFORE THE BULL DOES!



CHAPTER
2

THE EXILE

HE IS OF UNEARTHLY
ORIGIN. AN ELVEN-
NORRIN RADD, ONCE
OF FAR ZEIN-LA!

TO SAVE ZEIN-LA FROM THE
HUNGER OF THE WORLD-
DEVOURING GALACTUS, NORRIN
RADD OFFERED HIMSELF AS A
HERALD. AND SO, GALACTUS
TRANSFORMED HIM INTO...
THE SILVER SURFER!

HE SACRIFICED HIS
HUMANITY TO SAVE
HIS WORLD!

I DID HOPE TO FIND
SURCEASE FROM MY
SOUL'S SORROW HERE,
AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD.

...BUT TO
NO AVAIL!

BUT, WHEN GALACTUS
CHOSE TO FEED UPON A
PLANET TEEMING WITH
LIFE... THEN DID THE
SILVER SURFER DEFEY
HIS MASTER.

HE SAVED THE EARTH ONLY
TO FIND HIMSELF BANISHED
UPON IT... FOREVER FORBIDDEN
TO SOAR THE SPACEWAYS!
SUCH IS HIS SORROW! SUCH
IS HIS CURSE!

EDITOR'S NOTE:
YES... WE **KNOW** THERE
AREN'T ANY PENGUINS
AT THE NORTH POLE...
BUT SAIL CREW'EM SO
CUTE, WE COULDN'T BEAR
TO TAKE 'EM OUT— AL.

THERE ARE, AMONG HUMANS, THOSE WHO FIND THIS JOY WASTES BEAUTIFUL... YET THEY MAY LEAVE IT WHENEVER THEY WISH!

FOR THE SILVER SURFER, IT IS AS MUCH A PRISON--

--AS THE EARTH ITSELF!

WHAT A DESOLATE FATE, FOR ONE WHO HAS SOARED THE VAST VISTAS OF THE SPACEWAYS--

--TO BE TRAPPED ON ONE LONE WORLD!

I AM NOT LIKE THE PRISONER WHO, IN TIME, COMES TO LOVE HIS CELL! I ABHOR MY CONFINEMENT!

BUT FOR THE BARRIER PLACED ABOUT EARTH BY GALACTUS...

EH?

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOUND ON THIS WORLD THAT RINGS WITH SUCH GRIM FINALITY!

AND, WHENEVER MAN SHOULDERS HIS WEAPONS--

--THOSE BEINGS WITH WHOM HE SHARES HIS PLANET... DIE!

GUNFIRE!

THE MADNESS OF MANKIND INTRUDES UPON OUR SOLITUDE!

OTHER SOUNDS NOW CARRY ACROSS THE ICE.

THE SOUNDS OF HEAVY CLUBS SLENCING SHRILL SCREAMS.

THE SOUNDS OF MUFFLED CURSING, OF SHARP EXPLOSIONS OF BREATH.

THE SOUNDS OF POWDER EXPLODING IN CHAMBERS, TO PROPEL MISSILES INTO YIELDING FLESH.

THE SOUNDS OF FEMALE HARP SEALS DYING IN VAIN ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THEIR WHELPS.

BLAM

THE SOUNDS OF SLAUGHTER.

NOW, A NEW SOUND OVERRIDES THE REST.

THE SHARD WHIRRING OF ROTOR BLADES--

--A SOUND MADE ONLY BY THAT AIRBORNE INVENTION THE HUMANS CALL... A HELICOPTER!

IT'S THOSE ~~SAVE-THE-SEAL~~ GUYS AGAIN, CAP'N-- STOPPIN' THE KILL!

TRY TO SCARE 'EM OFF WITH A WARNING SHOT, LAD!

SAVE THE SEALS FUND

IF THEY SPRAY DYE ON THE BABY SEALS' PELTS, THEY'LL RUIN 'EM FOR SALE--

--COBBIN' US A MONTH'S WAGES AN' DOOMIN' OUR FAMILIES T' SLOW STARVATION!

BLASTED ECOLOGISTS CARE LESS ABOUT A MAN'S LIVIN' THAN THEY DO ABOUT DUMB ANIMALS!

AFTER NO!

BUT I'LL TEACH 'EM NOT T' ROB US OF OUR LIVELIHOOD!

RUTH!!

NO!!

OWNN!

NO! THAT WHICH I FEARED HAS COME TO PASS!



I ARRIVE TOO LATE
TO KEEP THE ICE FROM
RUNNING WITH THE
BLOOD OF HELPLESS
ANIMALS --

--OR
THAT
OF AN
EQUALLY
HELPLESS
HUMAN!



SHE STILL LIVES -- BUT SHE NEED
NOT HAVE BEEN STRUCK DOWN
AT ALL! IF ONLY SHE HAD SOUGHT
TO UNDERSTAND THE
ACTIONS OF THOSE SHE
OPPOSED --!

IF ONLY
BOTH SIDES
COULD HAVE
MET IN
REASON --



--INSTEAD OF FACING EACH OTHER
IN BLIND OBSTINACY, NEITHER
WILLING TO HEAR THE OTHER OUT,
NEITHER WILLING TO COMPROMISE!

YOU HUMANS,
CAN YOU NOT
RESOLVE YOUR
DIFFERENCES
WITHOUT RE-
SORTING TO
VIOLENCE?

OR MUST YOU
BE MADE TO BE
REASONABLE --



--BY ONE WHO WIELDS
THE POWER COSMIC?!!



SOME KIND OF FORCE
LEAPIN' FROM THAT THING'S
EYES -- SHATTERIN'
OUR CLUBS!

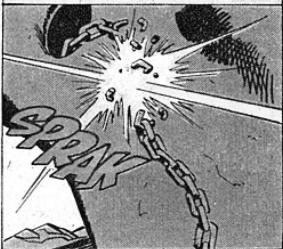


HE'S A MONSTER! AN
INHUMAN MONSTER!
DEFEND YOURSELVES,
LADS!

HOW! CAP N?
HE'S DRIVIN'
US OFF THE
ICE --



--IT IS, RATHER, AT THE ANCHOR CHAIN THAT MOORS THEIR VESSEL IN THIS SEA OF ICE!



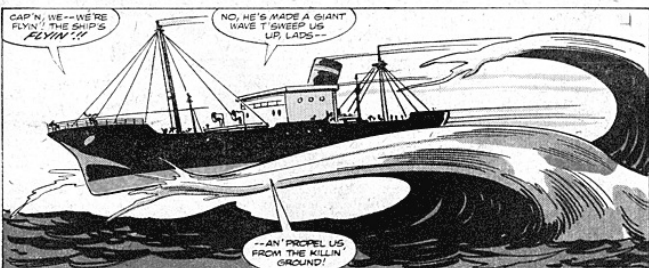
I TOLD YOU TO BEGONE! IF THE SILVER SURFER CANNOT CHANGE YOU--



AT LEAST HE CAN DRIVE YOU FROM HIS SIGHT!

CAP'N, WE--WE'RE FLYIN'! THE SHIP'S FLYIN'!!

NO, HE'S MADE A GIANT WAVE T' SWEEP US UP, LADS--



--AN' PROPEL US FROM THE KILLIN' GROUND!

AGAIN, I AM ALONE! THE HUMANS OF BOTH PARTIES HAVE LEFT OR BEEN DRIVEN AWAY! BUT THE ENTIRE RACE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PERSIST IN ITS BRUTAL WAYS--

--EITHER UNTIL THE DAY COMES WHEN THEY REALIZE THAT MANKIND *CAN* SURVIVE--



--WITHOUT UNNECESSARY SLAUGHTER--

OR UNTIL THE DAY THEY DESTROY THEIR WORLD TOTALLY, IN ONE LAST OUTBURST OF IMPOTENT RAGE!

SUCH A DAY I DO NOT WISH EVER TO SEE!



YET, SHOULD SUCH
A HOLOGAUST OCCUR,
SEE IT I *MUST*--
FOR I CAN GO
NOWHERE ELSE!

UNLESS,
AFTER ALL
THESE MONTHS
OF MISERY--

--THE BARRIER
GALACTUS PLACED
AROUND EARTH
HAS SOMEHOW
WEAKENED--

--ALLOWING
THE SILVER
SURFER TO
ONCE AGAIN
REACH THE
STARS!

NO! IT
IS STILL IN
PLACE!
NOTHING HAS
CHANGED!

BUT FAILURE
WILL NOT DETER
ME FROM
FURTHER
ATTEMPTS!

EVEN DEATH IS
PREFERABLE TO PERPETUAL
IMPRISONMENT UPON
THIS WORLD--GONE MAD!

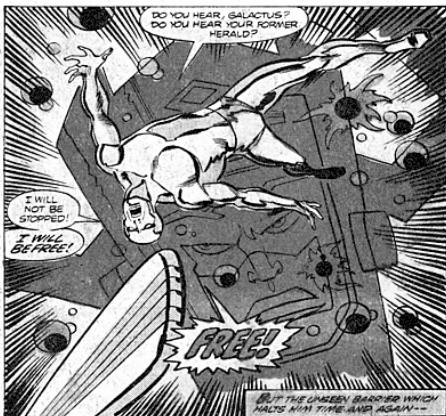
ARRRRH!
AGAIN I AM
REPULSED!

YET AGAIN WILL I HURL
MY BOARD FORWARD,
FOR THE PRIZE I SEEK
TO GAIN IS THE PRIZE
CHERISHED ABOVE ALL...

FREEDOM--WITHOUT
WHICH THE SILVER SURFER
IS BUT A MOCKERY OF
HIS OWN EXISTENCE--

--A SKY-RIDER
DENIED THE
HEAVENS...A
STAR-VOYAGER
EARTHBOUND!

FREEDOM!



YET, ALL ELSE PASSES THROUGH UNHINDERED! METEORITES! THE FLOTSAM AND JETSAM OF SPACE!



EVEN MANKIND ROUTINELY TRAVERSES THE BARRIER--



WITH EYES POSSESSED OF SUPRA-NORMAL SIGHT, THE SURFER SEES...

LIGHT RAYS! ENERGY RAYS OF EVERY MAGNITUDE! ALL THESE TRAVERSE THE BARRIER!

ULTRAVIOLET RAYS! X-RAYS! COSMIC RAYS! GAMMA RAYS!

GAMMA RAYS? WHAT HAVOC WOULD THEY WREAK WERE THEY TO REACH EARTH'S SURFACE UNFILTERED BY THE ATMOSPHERE?



THEY ARE DEADLY! THEY COULD CHANGE THE VERY GENETIC STRUCTURE OF ANY LIFEFORM THEY TOUCHED!

INDEED! I KNOW OF ONE THEY ALTERED! HE WAS ONCE A MAN, LIKE OTHER MEN--

"--UNTIL HIS ATTEMPT TO HARNESS SUCH GAMMA RAYS INTO A BOSS WENT AWRY... AND CHANGED HIM INTO A RAGING MAN-MONSTER!"

THE MULES!

FAR MORE UNREASONING THAN EVEN HIS FELLOW MAN, THE BRUTE SOUGHT TO DESTROY ME! *

*SEE TALES OF ASTONISH #93
--ARCHVIST AL--

"IN THE END, I WAS FORCED TO
MEET VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE...
SUBDUING THE MIGHTY HULK!"

USING A MENTAL BEAM OF PUREST
COSMIC ENERGY, I SHALL PROBE THE
INNERMOST RECESSES OF HIS
SLUMBERING BRAIN!

ALREADY AN
IMAGE BEGINS
TO FORM--!

"SO, IN SAVING A WAYWARD
YOUTH, DR. BRUCE BANNER WAS
HIMSELF EXPOSED TO A POWER-
FUL GAMMA RAY EXPLOSION--

--AND IT IS THAT GAMMA RAY INFUSION WHICH, AT TIMES OF STRESS,
TRANSFORMS HIM INTO THE RAGING, RAMPAGING HULK! A CREATURE
WHOSE STRENGTH--

--INCREASES GEOMETRICALLY
AS HIS AWESOME ANGER
GROWS!"

ANGER INTO STRENGTH?
MY RAGE AT GALACTUS'
BARRIER KNOWS NO
OUNDS!

IF AN
INFUSION OF
GAMMA RAYS
COULD TURN
THAT RAGE
TO UNLIMITED
POWER--?!

THEN NOTHING
COULD HOLD ME
ON EARTH!
NOTHING!

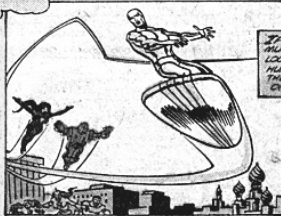
I WILL SEEK OUT THE ONE MAN WHO
WILL KNOW HOW TO HELP ME... A
MAN WHOSE TORMENT MIRRORS
MY OWN! HE **WILL** HELP ME...

--AND, IN EXCHANGE
I WILL FREE **BRUCE
BANNER** FOREVER
FROM THE CURSE THAT
IS... THE **HULK!**

CHAPTER 3

THE QUEST!

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE SPACE-SCANNING SIGHT OF THE SILVER SLURFER IS CAPABLE OF DISCOVERING A CORN OF SAND UNTOED SALADOS AWAY!



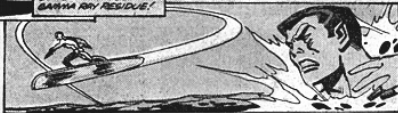
IF SO, THEN HOW MUCH EASIER TO LOCATE A SINGLE HUMAN AMIDST THE MANY RACES OF THE EARTH?



ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ONE HE SEEKS MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY A HAIR BUT EVER-PRESENT BANANA RIN RESIDUE!



MANY ARE THE EARTHLY SUPER-HUMANS WHO MARVEL AT HIS PASSINGS AS HE CIRCUMNAVIGATES THE GLOBE! SOME HE KNOWS—SOME HE HAS NEVER SEEN! IF



THE SILVER SLURFER KNOWS THEM ALL!

BUT FEAR NOT, TRUE BELIEVER! YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THE COLLECTIVE MAN, THE SOVIET SUPER-SOLDIERS, SABRA, THE ARABIAN KNIGHT AND CAPTAIN BRITAIN IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS AND OTHER MARVEL MAGAZINES.

AT LAST, HAVING SOARED THE SOLAR CURRENTS OVER OCEANS AND CONTINENTS ALIKE-- THE UNEARTHLY VISION OF THE SILVER SKY-RIDER SPES THRT WHICH HE SEEKS!

AN END TO BOTH OUR CURSES!

A GAMMA RAY AURA, SO FAINT THAT NO OTHER EYES SAVE MINE COULD HAVE DETECTED IT!



THE SILVER SURFER SOARS ON!

MEANWHILE, ON A SMALL FARM STRADDLING THE COLORADO-NEW MEXICO STATE LINE...

WELL, HELLO, MARY BETH! WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY?

I CAME TO FIND YOU, BRUCE--



-- AND TO INVITE YOU TO OUR SQUARE DANCE TONIGHT! MOMMY SAYS THE TOWNSPEOPLE ALL WANT TO MEET YOU!

A DANCE? I'D LIKE THAT--



-- IF YOU'LL BE MY PARTNER!

YOU BET! LET'S GO TELL MOMMY!

I HEARD! BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU FEEL WELL ENOUGH, BRUCE?

I'M A LITTLE SCORE-- ESPECIALLY WHERE I SIT-- BUT OTHERWISE THE BULL'S CHARGE LEFT NO ILL EFFECTS.



AND I'D LOVE TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS, CLARE, IN THE WEEKS SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE-- RECOVERATING AND WORKING FOR YOU-- I'VE COME TO FEEL LIKE I BELONG... LIKE I'VE FINALLY FOUND A HOME.

AND A FAMILY, IF YOU'D LIKE. MARY BETH AND I HAVE BEEN ALONE--



-- SINCE A MYSTERIOUS "PLAGUE" SWEEPED OUT FROM THAT RESEARCH INSTALLATION, KILLING MY HUSBAND AND MOST OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY! WE'VE REBUILT OUR LIVES SINCE THEN--



-- BUT IT HASN'T BEEN EASY LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF TRANQUILITY BASE!



COME HERE, MARY BETH! SINCE THE NEIGHBORS HAVE PRACTICALLY MARRIED YOUR MOMMY AND ME--

--WE MIGHT AS WELL DANCE AS A FAMILY!

SO IT GOES ON INTO THE NIGHT--

--UNTIL BRUCE BANNER IS REMINDED THAT HIS STOMACH IS LESS FULL THAN HIS HEART!

YOU HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE BREAKFAST, BRUCE. I'LL GO GET YOU SOMETHING

THANKS, CLARE.

I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID TO LOVE BEFORE--AFRAID OF WHAT THE HULK MIGHT DO TO THOSE I CARED FOR! BUT NOW I FEEL ALMOST AS IF I CAN CONTROL THE DARK SIDE OF MY EGO--

--AND NOTHING CAN MAKE ME UNLEASH IT AGAIN!

WHY? UNSEEN BY THE OTHER REVELERS, A SILVER LIGHT SLASHES ACROSS THE SKY!

LIKE A STAR-- FALLING FROM THE HEAVENS!

IT LANDED IN THE FIELDS BEYOND!

IT COULDN'T BE A COMET OR A METEOR--ITE--WE WOULD HAVE FELT THE IMPACT!

BUT IF NOT THAT, THEN... WHAT??

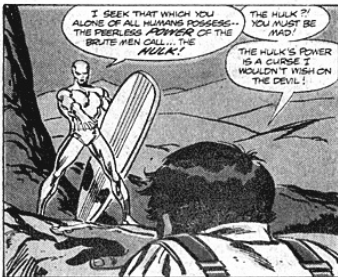
GREETINGS, BRUCE BANNER.

MY QUEST HAS LED ME TO YOU.

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME? WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?

I AM... THE STRANGE SURFER.

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER IT-- YOUR ALTER-EGO AND I HAVE MET IN THE PAST.



I SEEK THAT WHICH YOU
ALONE OF ALL HUMANS POSSESS--
THE PEERLESS **POWER** OF THE
BRUTE MEN CALL... THE
HULK!

THE HULK?!
YOU MUST BE
MAD!

THE HULK'S POWER
IS A CURSE I
WOULDN'T WISH ON
THE DEVIL!



I DIDN'T WANT IT-- DIDN'T ASK FOR
IT! YET NEITHER CAN I GIVE IT AWAY!

IT'S **MY** CURSE,
GOD HELP ME--
AND MINE ALONE!



YOU SEE? I'D
HOPED TO CONTROL
IT HERE!



BUT YOUR
COMING HAS
STARTED IT ALL
OVER AGAIN!

HEARTBEAT
SPEEDING UP!
PULSE POUNDING!
I CAN'T STOP--



--THE
CHANGE!



FROM
PUNY
BANNER--



--TO THE
STRONGEST
ONE OF
ALL!



**THE
HULK!**

ALTHOUGH I HAVE WITNESSED
WONDERS WITHOUT END IN
THE UNBOUNDED VASTNESS
OF SPACE--

--STILL AM I AMAZED
BY SO STAGGERING A
TRANSFORMATION AS
THIS!

PUNY BANNER
HAS FLED, RUN AWAY!
HE WAS AFRAID OF YOU!



BUT THE HULK IS
AFRAID OF NOTHING!

YOU ARE AS POWERFUL AND SAVAGE AS ON OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER--

--AND IT IS THAT VERY SAVAGE STRENGTH-- THE ABILITY TO GROW STRONGER AS YOU GROW ANGRIER-- THAT THE SILVER SURFER NEEDS!

YOU ARE RIGHT!
HULK *IS* ANGRY!

AND WHAT MAKES HULK MAD--HULK *SMASHES*!!

YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE HULK AGAIN! FIRST HULK WILL BREAK BOARD-- AND THEN HULK WILL BREAK YOU!

I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH!
YOU ARE STRONGER THAN EVER!

NOW
RELINQUISH
YOUR HOLD ON
MY BOARD!

DID YOU NOT
HEAR ME? I
SAID--
RELEASE
IT!

ZAK

ARRSH!

WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE? YOU
ARE CHANGING
HULK!

SENDING
HULK AWAY!

BRINGING
BACK PUNY
BANNER!

IT'S TRUE! I'M MYSELF AGAIN! YOU DID THIS-- WITH A WAVE OF YOUR HAND!!

AYE, WITH THE MEREST BURST OF MY POWER COSMIC.

YOU ARE CURED, BRUCE BANNER. THE GAMMA RADIATION HAS BEEN PURGED FROM YOUR CELLS.

YOU WILL NEVER BECOME THE HULK AGAIN.

I-I BELIEVE YOU-- SOMEHOW! BUT WHY DID YOU CURE ME?

BECAUSE I TOO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN OUTCAST-- AND BECAUSE I CRAVE A CURE THAT ONLY YOU CAN SUPPLY!

I AM AN EXILE ON EARTH-- HELD HERE FOREVER BY A BARRIER THROUGH WHICH I CANNOT PASS!

I RAGE AGAINST IT, BUT UNLESS MY RAGE CAN BE TURNED TO POWER, I SHALL NEVER BE FREE!

Y-- YOU WANT ME TO INFUSE YOU WITH GAMMA RAYS SO THAT, LIKE THE HULK, YOU'LL GET STRONGER AS YOU GET ANGERIER!! I-I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT-- BUT I NEED COMPUTERS-- ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY!

I SENSE THAT WHICH YOU NEED IN YONDER RUINS! I GO THERE NOW, TO PREPARE THEM!

TRANQUILITY BASE! YES, OF COURSE!

THE SURFER'S GONE-- BUT I KNOW HE EXPECTS ME TO FOLLOW HIM!

AND I WILL! HE'S FREED ME FROM THE CURSE OF THE HULK! FOR THIS I OWE HIM MORE THAN MY LIFE!

BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO THE PARTY WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION!

THE CLOTHES ON THIS SCARE-CROW AREN'T SAGGON--

-- BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO DO!

SHARPE...

BRUCE, WHAT ON EARTH--?

I, ER, THOUGHT MARY BETH WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE AN EARLY HALLOWEEN!

MOMMY, LET'S ALL DRESS UP LIKE BRUCE!

IT'D BE FUN!

I-I HATE TO LIE TO THEM-- BUT WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE? EVEN IF I NEVER BECOME THE HULK AGAIN, MY PAST WILL ALWAYS CLOUD MY FUTURE!

I WANT THIS TO BE A CLEAN START! AS SOON AS I'VE HELPED THE SURFER--

-- I'LL BURY ALL MEMORY OF THE HULK FOREVERMORE!

CHAPTER 4

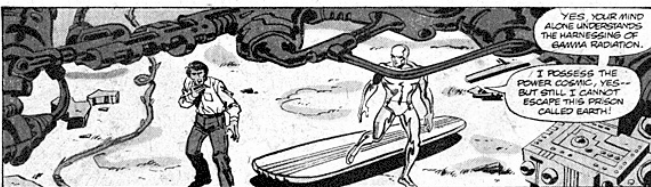
THE POWER

LATER THAT EVENING, AFTER THE FESTIVITIES HAVE ENDED, BRUCE BANNER CREEPS FROM THE KIDNAPERS TO KEEP A FURTHER, GLANDSTONE RENDEZVOUS!

THE NIGHT WANES, DR. BANNER-- GAMMA ACTIVITY IN THE HEAVENS IS AT ITS PEAK. ALL IS IN READINESS HERE AT TRANQUILITY BASE. I HAVE REACTIVATED THE MACHINERY WITH A SMALL COSMIC CHARGE, BUT IT REQUIRES YOUR MIND AND SKILLS TO MAKE IT FUNCTION.

I-I GOT AWAY AS SOON AS I COULD, THINKING I'D HAVE TO ASSEMBLE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FROM SCRATCH!

BUT YOU--YOU'VE WROUGHT A MIRACLE--TAKEN A WEED-GROWN RUIN AND BROUGHT IT HUMMING TO MECHANICAL LIFE! IF YOU ARE CAPABLE OF THIS, DO YOU REALLY NEED ME?



YES, YOUR MIND ALONE UNDERSTANDS THE HARNESSING OF GAMMA RADIATION.

I POSSESS THE POWER COSMIC, YES-- BUT STILL I CANNOT ESCAPE THIS PRISON CALLED EARTH!



FOR GALACTUS-- HE WHO WAS MY MASTER-- STRIPPED ME OF MY SPACE-TIME POWERS--

--AND SET A BARRIER ABOUT YOUR EARTH THROUGH WHICH I MAY NOT PASS!

AND YOU WANT TO PIERCE THAT BARRIER--



--BY ADDING TO YOUR OWN, UNIMAGINABLE MIGHT THE SHEER RAW POWER OF THE GAMMA RADIATION, A POWER THAT WOULD INCREASE YOUR STRENGTH IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE RAGE YOU FEEL?

YES! FOR TOO LONG HAVE I REMAINED IN EXILE-- DENIED THE STARS! I WOULD SEE MY HOME AGAIN--

--AND MY BELOVED SHALLA BAL!



HOME! LOVED ONES! THE SURFER SEEKS ONLY THAT HAPPINESS WHICH, BY RIGHTS, BELONGS TO EVERY MAN-- HAPPINESS WHICH WAS DENIED ~~ME~~ UNTIL HE CURED ME OF BECOMING THE HULK!



HELPING HIM GAIN HIS FREEDOM IS THE LEAST I CAN DO TO REPAY HIM!

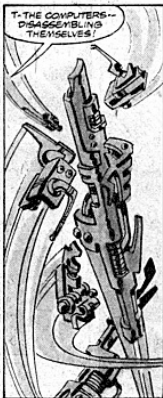
I... THINK I CAN INVEST YOU WITH THE POWER YOU NEED, SURFER-- BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.

MUCH OF THIS MACHINERY WILL NEED TO BE ADAPTED TO OUR PURPOSES.



SAY NO MORE, WITH A SIMPLE COSMIC PROBE I'LL OPEN UP YOUR MIND--

--SEEING THEREIN THAT WHICH MUST BE DONE!





AS THE TOWNSPEOPLE STARE IN FEAR AND LOATHING, THE HELLISH GLOW VANISHES!

WHY HAVE YOU STOPPED THE GAMMA BOMBARDMENT?

YOU WERE ABSORBING TOO MUCH TOO QUICKLY! YOUR CELL STRUCTURE MUST ADJUST SLOWLY TO THE RAYS--

--OR THEY MAY ALTER YOUR CELLULAR BALANCE!

HOW CAN ANY PROCESS WHICH WOULD FREE ME FROM THIS INSANE WORLD PROCEED TOO QUICKLY??

CAN YOU NOT UNDERSTAND?

I WISH MY IMPRISONMENT TO END--

--NOW!

INFUSED WITH GAMMA RADIATION, THE SILVER SURFER IS POSSESSED OF AN IRRATIONAL RAGE--

--A RAGE HE VENTS ON THE INNOCENT COUNTRYSIDE!

SOME KIND OF DEMON SHOOPING DOWN FROM THE HILLS!

FROM TRANQUILITY BASE, YOU MEAN!

NOTHING IS SAFE FROM HIS WRATH!

ESPECIALLY NOT THE WORKS OF MAN!

THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY, MEN ARM THEMSELVES! THEY HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE TERROR THAT SWEEPED OUT OF TRANQUILITY BASE TO KILL THEIR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES!

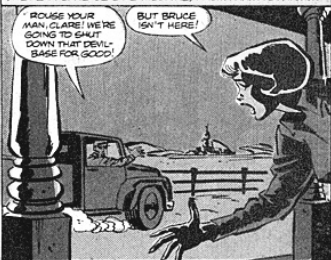
THEY WILL NOT LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!



THE FEAR SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE, FROM FARM TO FARM...

ROUSE YOUR MAN, CLARE! WE'RE GOING TO SHUT DOWN THAT DEVIL-BASE FOR GOOD!

BUT BRUCE ISN'T HERE!



WHICH LEADS CLARE TO THE QUESTION... WHERE IS THE MAN SHE LOVES??

TRANQUILITY BASE? NO, HE WOULDN'T!



HE PROMISED ME HE WOULD NEVER GO THERE!!



MOMMY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

MOMMY!

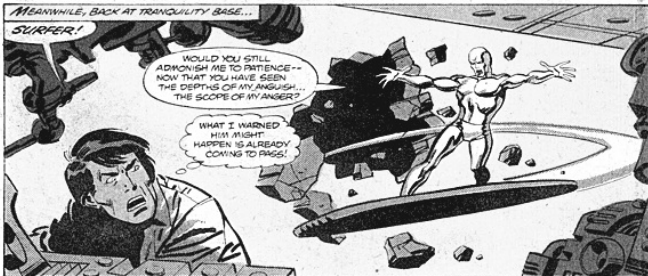


MEANWHILE, BACK AT TRANQUILITY BASE...

SURFER!

WOULD YOU STILL ADMONISH ME TO PATIENCE-- NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THE DEPTHS OF MY ANGER... THE SCOPE OF MY ANGER?

WHAT I WARNED HIM MIGHT HAPPEN IS ALREADY COMING TO PASS!



THE GAMMA INFUSION IS AFFECTING HIS MIND -- MAKING HIM REACT OBSESSIVELY... CALLOUSLY!!

PERHAPS IF HE VENTS HIS ANGER ON THE SPACE-TIME BARRIER, HE'LL LEAVE THE VALLEY IN PEACE!



THE SWITCH IS THROWN! GAMMA RAYS AGAIN BOMBARD THE SILVER SKY-RIDER!

CONTINUE! I MUST FEEL THE GAMMA RAYS SEETHING WITHIN ME!

POWER... PULSING... POUNDING IN EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING!



POWER ENOUGH TO REND A WORLD ASUNDER--



--OR TO BE FREE OF ONE FOREVER!

PLUNGING HEAVENWARD ON HIS SLEEK SILVER SURF-BOARD, THE GAMMA RAY-INFUSED SURFER STRIKES THE INVISIBLE BARRIER--AND IS REFUSED!



AGAIN I AM DENIED THE STARS! AGAIN I AM DRIVEN BACK!



I NEED MORE POWER! MORE!



DO YOU HEAR? MORE! TRAIN THE GAMMA RAY INFUSER UPON ME! FEED THE POWER TO ME--



--EVEN AS I AGAIN ASSAULT THE ACCURSED BARRIER

Y-YES, I WILL!



HIS EYES ARE GROWING GREEN-- SEETHING WITH RAGE! HE GROWS ANGRIER-- MORE SAVAGE BY THE SECOND!

I DARE NOT REFUSE HIM!

NOR WOULD I WANT TO WHILE THE DEBT I OWE HIM REMAINS UNPAID!



AGAIN THE GREEN GAMMA GLOW SURROUNDS THE SILVER SURFER..



--AND AGAIN HE SOARS SKYWARD--



--GROWING ANGRIER AT THE THOUGHT OF HIS IMPRISONMENT-- GROWING STRONGER AS HIS RAGE CONSUMES ALL ELSE!

WITNESS-- A GOD GONE MAD!



AND, IN SUCH POWER CAN DRIVE A DEITY TO MADNESS... WHAT CAN THE MERE FEAR OF POWER DO TO THOSE MOULDED OF BUT COMMON CLAY?

TO THE RUINS, BOYS!

STOP THE DEMON FORCES BEFORE THEY KILL US ALL!

OH, BRUCE-- PLEASE DON'T BE HERE!



THERE! IT'S THE STRANGER! CLARE'S BEAU!

BRUCE!

WE TEND TO HIM-- TAKE HIM INTO OUR COMMUNITY-- AND THIS IS HOW HE REPAIRS US!

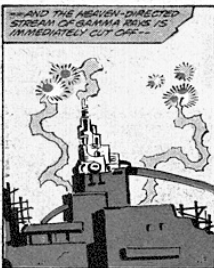
CLARE? THE NEIGHBOR? WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!



WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE PLAYING WITH FORCES THAT CAN DESTROY US ALL, MISTER!

THERE! LOOK TO THE STARS!

DEMON-FIRE!



LORD HELP HIM... HE KINKS!

BRUCE--??

G-GET OUT...
WHILE YOU STILL
CAN!

PLEASE,
CLARE!
RUN!

I-I DON'T WANT
YOU TO SEE ME
LIKE... THIS!

THE TOWNSPEOPLE FLEE FROM A TRANSFORMATION THAT
HAS TERRIFIED BRAWLER MEN THAN THEMSELVES!

BUT THERE IS ONE WHO DOES NOT RUN-- ONE WHO
STANDS ROOTED, NOT SO MUCH BY FEAR, BUT BY THE
SOUL-NUMBING KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SHE HAS... LOST!

BRUCE--?

THERE IS NO MORE
BRUCE! PUNY BANNER IS
GONE! NOW THERE IS
ONLY--

--THE
HULK!

YOU ARE FORGETTING,
MONSTER-- THERE IS ALSO THE
SILVER SURFER! AND, IF
IT WAS YOU WHO DESTROYED
THE GAMMA INFUSER,
ROBBING ME OF ITS
POWER--

-- THEN IT SHALL BE YOU
WHO SERVES AS THE INSTRUMENT
OF MY ESCAPE FROM THIS
MADHOUSE OF A WORLD!

IT TAKES LESS THAN A HEARTBEAT... AND THEN THEY ARE BEYOND SIGHT!

A LOVELY WOMAN
WATCHES AS THEY
VANISH IN THE NIGHT--



--KNOWING THAT BRUCE BANNER HAS GONE
OUT OF HER LIFE... FOREVER!



LET GO OF HULK,
OR HULK WILL
SMASH YOU!

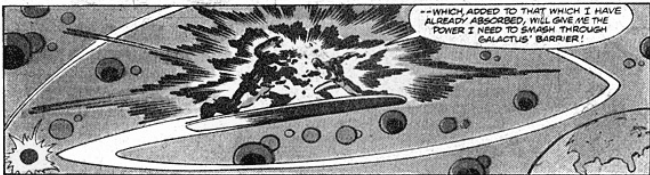
YOU WILL DO
NOTHING--

--EXCEPT SERVE
AS A SOURCE
OF POWER!



HULK SERVES NO ONE!
HE IS NOT A SLAVE!

BUT YOU ARE A RECEPTACLE
OF GAMMA RADIATION--



--WHICH ADDED TO THAT WHICH I HAVE
ALREADY ABSORBED, WILL GIVE ME THE
POWER I NEED TO SMASH THROUGH
GALACTUS' BARRIER!



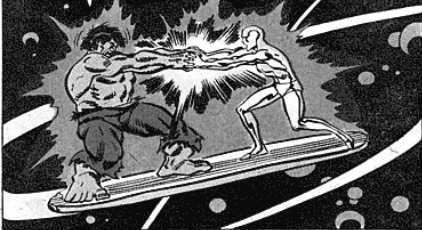
BESTIAL
BRUTE! ALL
I WANT FROM
YOU--

HULK KNOWS ALL
ABOUT SMASHING!
WATCH, AND THE HULK
WILL SMASH YOU!

--IS THE GAMMA RADIATION FROM WHICH YOU DERIVE YOUR POWER!

ARRGH! YOU STOPPED THE HULK?! NO ONE HAS EVER DONE THAT BEFORE!

NO ONE HAS EVER POSSESSED THE POWER OF THE SILVER SURFER!



NOW, AS I DRAW THE GAMMA RADIATION FROM YOUR BODY INTO MY OWN--

--INCREASING THE LEVEL ALREADY INFUSED IN ME BY BANNER'S DEVICE--

--YOU BECOME BEREFT OF POWER--

--WHILE I POSSESS THE POWER COSMIC IN FULL MEASURE...

AND THE SAVAGE STRENGTH OF THE MIGHTY HULK AS WELL!



STRENGTH WHICH INCREASES WITH RAGE-- AND THE RAGE OF THE SILVER SURFER KNOWS NO BOUNDS!

AGAIN THE COSMIC BULK HURLS HIMSELF AGAINST THE UNSURVY BARRIER!

BUT THIS TIME NOTHING CAN CONTAIN HIM!

NOTHING CAN BAR ME WAY!

I AM FREE! BY ALL THE STARS THAT SHINE--

--THE SILVER SURFER IS FREE!

WHILE, DEATHED OF THE HULK'S POWER--

--BRUCE BANNER FALLS EARTHWARD!



A FACT WHICH GOES UNNOTICED BY THE LIBERATED SKY-RIDER!

FREE! TO SAIL THE SOLAR WINDS-- TO SOAR IN HARMONY WITH THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES!



FREE TO SHAPE MY OWN DESTINY-- TO SOJOURN UNHINDERED FROM STAR TO FARTHEST STAR!

TO RETURN TO ZENN-LA, AND THERE CLAIM THE HAND OF MY BELOVED--

--SHALLA BAL!



BUT WHAT OF THE EARTHMAN, HE WHOSE SACRIFICE MADE MY FREEDOM POSSIBLE?

HE DID CLING TO MY BOARD-- BUT HE DOES SO NO LONGER!



OF COURSE! HE COULD NOT RETAIN HIS HOLD AT THE SPEEDS I ATTAINED TO CRASH THE BARRIER!



NOR COULD HE HAVE SURVIVED IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE!

HE FALLS TO HIS DOOM--



--AND THERE IS NONE TO SAVE HIM, FOR THE GAMMA RAYS THAT EMPOWERED ME TO BREAK THROUGH GALACTUS' BARRIER ARE EXPENDED!

IF I PASS BACK INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE TO RESCUE THE HUMAN, I WILL BECOME IMPRISONED AGAIN!

CURSE YOU, GALACTUS! WHEN YOU CREATED THE SILVER SURFER--



-- COULD YOU NOT HAVE BROUGHT HIM WITHOUT A CONSCIENCE?

COULD YOU NOT HAVE MADE HIM WITHOUT A SOUL??



DIVING BACK THROUGH THE BARRIER--

--THE SILVER SURFER GRASPS HOLD OF THE PLUMMETING BRUCE BANNER!

BANNER IS WEAKENED NEAR UNTO DEATH BY HIS ORDEAL!

IF I AM TO SAVE HIM, I HAVE BUT ONE RECOURSE!



I MUST RECHANNEL THE GAMMA RADIATION WHICH YET LINGERS WITHIN ME, BACK INTO HIS FRAIL FORM--

-- IN THE HOPE IT WILL REKINDLE THE SPARK OF LIFE!



SOON, ON AN ISOLATED PEAK SOMEWHERE IN NEW MEXICO...

IT IS DONE! THE HUMAN LIVES! I COULD NEVER HAVE ENJOYED MY FREEDOM, HAD HIS DEATH BEEN ON MY HANDS!

THE HATED POWER OF THE HULK IS HIS AGAIN, ALSO!



CURSED ARE WE BOTH, BRUCE BANNER!

FOR A FLEETING INSTANT IT SEEMED WE HAD ATTAINED FREEDOM FROM THESE CURSES... BUT SUCH WAS NOT TO BE!



I COULD AGAIN CURE YOU, AND YET...

YOU HAD FORGED A LIFE FOR YOURSELF, COME TO GRIPS WITH YOUR CURSE AND ATTAINED INNER PEACE-- UNTIL MY COMING SHATTERED IT! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE MEDDLED IN YOUR AFFAIRS... I SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH YOU AGAIN!



I WISH I HAD NEVER SOUGHT YOU OUT, DR. BANNER!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR BETTER FOR US BOTH!

AS THE SILVER SURFER DEPARTS, WITH NEVER A BACKWARD GLANCE...

WHAT HAPPENED--? WHERE--? I'M NOT GREEN-- NOT THE HULK!

I'M MYSELF AGAIN!



BUT I'M NOT CURED! I CAN FEEL THE GAMMA RAYS LIKE A TURBULENCE AT THE CENTER OF MY SOUL!



I'M STILL THE HULK! STILL A MONSTER!

THE SURFER! HE SAID HE COULD CURE ME...

BUT NOW HE'S GONE--



-- AFTER SMASHING ALL MY HOPES FOR HAPPINESS... MY ONE LAST CHANCE FOR PEACE!

HOW MUCH BETTER NEVER TO HAVE KNOWN HAPPINESS--



-- THAN TO FIND IT... ONLY TO LOSE IT AGAIN... FOREVER!

NEXT: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO... THE 3-D MAN?

GREEN-SKIN'S GRAB-BAG

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Dear Bill, Sal and Al,

The adrenalin is flowing again in THE INCREDIBLE HULK! With Bill Mantlo assuming auctorial control, the results were delightfully immediate in HULK #245. Nice job!

Jeffrey Lowndes
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Dear Marvel,

The Mantlo magic has struck again! I am, of course, referring to THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245. Bill is a talented, versatile writer, and this issue certainly evidenced his capabilities.

I'm glad to see that he's given some purpose and direction to the Hulk's life, in the form of his memory and love for Jarella. For far too many issues, the Hulk's been manipulated by the likes of the Corporation and They. At last the Hulk has a goal, he's doing something that's important to him, and there's no villain lurking in the shadows pulling his strings. All of this has resulted in some strong characterizations, which I think have been missing from this mag for quite some time. I'll be looking forward to the Hulk's journey to Jarella's tiny world, and I won't be too surprised if Bill's other buddies, the Micronauts, show up during the course of the adventure.

As for the art, I was pleased with Sal's work on this issue. I think the fact that he's inking his own pencils has a lot to do with it. The inking process can often make or break an artist's work, but if he inks his own pencils, then the finished visuals convey precisely what he intended.

Kevin C. McConnell
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Dear Bill,

Talk about misleading covers! When I saw the cover of THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245, I couldn't believe it. How unoriginal could Marvel get? Here we have the Incredible One hammering away at some soldiers. "What has changed in all the years this book's been out?" I asked myself. "Nothing!" I answered myself.

Then I looked inside and was pleasantly surprised. Although you still made the Hulk a little inconsistent intelligence-wise (he should have remembered Jarella was dead) his reactions and emotions were well-handled.

I'm not quite sure what Fred Sloan's biography of the Hulk is going to lead to, but it's about time people understood the Hulk's story and stopped hounding him. I'm really looking forward to the plot developments on this one. It's also nice to see old faces popping up again. Don't get rid of Rick Jones for a while.

I just hope Col. Glenn Talbot was listening when the Hulk told him his own particular sob story. Maybe some of it will sink in, and he will learn that the Hulk has suffered more than he has.

You are also setting things up beautifully for the return of Betty Ross, and perhaps a renewal of her love of Bruce Banner. I for one can hardly wait. So, from a Marvelite that shall always be faithful...

Carlos M. Fernandez
(No Address)

Well, I guess that just goes to show that you can't judge a book by its cover, Carlos.

—Bill Mantlo.

Dear Marvel,

When I finished reading THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245 I felt like throwing up! It was so typical! I for one am tired of all the soldiers, all the girls and Hulk-softeners, all the Colonels and misbegotten lovers and their triangles, and all the short-lasting friends of the Hulk. Instead, I'd rather see more stories of the Hulk in new settings, new situations, introducing more new characters the way you did in HULK #5 219-222 and 226-227. Well, just thought I'd give my view on this pitiful situation.

Tom Salzberg
11 Hedwig Court
West Hartford, CT 06107

Tom, while I did want to begin my tenure on the Hulk by wrapping up what I felt to be a major loose end, you'll see from the preceding issue on that I've already started involv-

ing the Hulk in new storylines and situations, ranging from his icy encounter with Jack Frost, to this ish's epic confrontation with the Silver Surfer, and on to slashes with the 3-D Man, Woodgod and the Changelings, out-of-this-world enemies called U-Foes, and practically the entire world in the months to come. If those tidbits don't tantalize you, Thomas, then I'm afraid nothing will!

—Bill.

Dear People,

Never before have I written in to give my thoughts about one of your magazines. Since I am only an eighth grade student, I came to the conclusion that my letter would never be published in Green-skin's Grab-Bag, thinking it would be regarded as insignificant or unimportant. After all, who really cares about what one "kid" thinks, as long as the older generation is pleased? Then I paused for a moment and thought, "It's the younger people who probably buy your product more than anyone else, so it seems only logical that my letter would be taken notice of!" Therefore, here are my opinions regarding THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245:

A splendid issue, filled with action from cover to cover. I think Mr. Mantlo has done an excellent job with the Hulk. Mr. Buscema's artwork, was, as always, great! He's the only person who, I feel, can draw the Hulk to perfection. The idea of pitting the Hulk against Glenn Talbot in the armor of the super-powerful Mandrolid was spectacular. One question, though: the Hulk is supposedly 7 feet tall as opposed to Talbot who is approximately 6 feet in height. If this is true, then why was the Hulk dwarfed in comparison to Talbot?

Till next issue, may good fortune come to those responsible for making THE INCREDIBLE HULK a comic book superior to all others!

John Melo
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First of all, John, let me say that all letters received are read with the utmost concern and patience, regardless of the age of the writer. They all reflect the cares and concerns of our intensely devoted readership, and they all receive equal attention. As to your question, it was the armored exoskeleton of the Mandrolid armor that made Glenn Talbot look larger than the Hulk. It amplified his natural strength while, at the same time, fostering the appearance of greater size. A decided advantage, if his enemy had been any other than the Incredible Hulk!

—Bill.

Dear Gang,

Wow! My head is still reeling from reading THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245! When it comes to pure action, that's the most I've seen in a comic book in a long time.

Mick Masnado
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Dear Bill and Sal,

I certainly hope my letter is not too late in getting to you. Out here on the island, stationary stores seem to get some of their comics a few weeks later than city newsstands. I just had to compliment you, though, on THE INCREDIBLE HULK #245. In particular, the penciling and inking job of Sal Buscema deserve praise. I never really cared much for your art before, Sal, but now I see that it was the poor inking I was responding to. When you're on your own, you're the best! Keep it up!

John Hayer, Jr.
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Selden, NY 11784

Sal's got no intention of stopping now, John, and if you like his Hulk-erific art here, you should check out what he's doing in the pages of ROM, THE SPACEKNIGHT. That's an unabashed plug for Mighty Marvel's new sci-fi mag... on sale wherever quality comic books are sold!

Oops! Looks like I let the cat out of the bag in my answer to Tom Salzberg, but in this case all news is good news! Next ish Of Green-skin comes up against a Roy Thomas character from the pages of MARVEL PREMIERE #35-37 and WHAT IF...? #10. It's his first appearance since then, and it's a long overdue. So be here next month for... THE 3-D MAN!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, gang, I think I'm in big trouble, and since misery loves company, I might as well let you worry along with me! Y'see, I've got this Soapbox column to write and it's due at the printer tomorrow morning! So, I've gotta wrap it up in the next hour, or else! But, for the first time in about twenty years, I can't think of anything to write about! Oh sure, I could tell you to latch on to the second great issue of EPIC, or one of our many new regular comicbook titles, but I've been trying to avoid the big sell here in the Soapbox. Or, I could give you some gossip about what's happening amongst our batty bullpen bigwigs... but Jolly Jim Shooter and his capricious cohorts usually like to feed you those illuminating items themselves. So here I sit, staring at an emotionless typewriter with fear and panic welling up

within my noble breast, while the clock keeps — HEY! Hold it! I thought of something! Wow — saved by the bell! And, best of all, it's something you can help me with!

Ever since I've been out here in Los Angeles, working on Marvel's many magnificent tv and film projects, one thought's been bugging me. I have a feeling that I don't really understand what makes the Saturday morning animated cartoon shows tick on tv! They're so different from the mighty masterworks you find in our mags that they might have originated on another planet. Okay, then, here's what you can do to help me — and perhaps to help the entire world of tv cartoons...

Just send me a short note, no more than 100 words, saying "Here's what I like about tv cartoons: ———". "Here's what I hate about tv cartoons: ———".

and "Here's how to make them better: ———". I'll have our staff of thousands (living Thousands, the boss's uncle) read 'em, and tabulate your opinions. Then, we'll print a summary of your suggestions in a future Soapbox (thereby guaranteeing that I'll have another topic for at least one more column!) Remember, what you write may change the entire tv industry — or, at the very least, give us a case of eyestrain! Just address your oh-so-meaningful missives to STAN LEE'S TV SURVEY, 575 Madison Ave., NYC, NY 10022. Culture lovers everywhere will be eternally in your debt!

Till we meet again, stay cool, stay happy, and stay in touch with the EPIC Epidemic! (Might as well get a plug in somewhere!)

Excelsior!

Stan

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST!

- ☐ **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #66** — The Thing and the Scarlet Witch battle the Slaves of the Serpent Crown!
- ☐ **SHOGUN WARRIORS #19** — Secrets of the alien invaders!
- ☐ **SPIDER-WOMAN #29** — Spider-Woman vs. the Fly!
- ☐ **STAR TREK #5** — The haunted house of space!
- ☐ **MACHINE MAN #16** — Who are... Baron Brimstone and the Satan Squid?
- ☐ **MARVEL SUPER HEROES #90** — Reprints Avengers #68 (story by Harlan Ellison). The Avengers must save the Hulk from the menace of Psycho!
- ☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #207** — Defeated by Moslem!
- ☐ **CAPTAIN AMERICA #248** — A mystery villain sets Dragon Man against Goli!
- ☐ **SCRONAUTS #30** — Showdown with Odd John! Guest-stars Ant-Man!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER #47** — Ghost Rider is the victim of the most dangerous cycle gang of all!
- ☐ **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #18** — "Forbidden Fruit!"
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- ☐ **DR. STRANGE #42** — The master mage enters the "Realm of the Black Dragon!"
- ☐ **THOR #236** — Fafnir the death-dragon attacks!

- ☐ **MARVEL SUPER ACTION #22** — Reprints Avengers #61. Guest-starring Dr. Strange and the Black Knight!
- ☐ **AVENGERS #198** — Enter... Red Ronin! (Remember him from Godzilla's mag?)
- ☐ **CONAN #113** — "A Devil in the Family!"
- ☐ **MARVEL TALES #118** — Reprints Spider-Man #141. Mysterio's Revenge!
- ☐ **MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS #91** — Reprints FF #111: "The Thing Amok!"
- ☐ **X-MEN #136** — Dark Phoenix strikes!
- ☐ **TALES TO ASTONISH #9** — Reprints Sub-Mariner #9. The horrifying truth about the Helmet of Power!
- ☐ **ROM #9** — ROM must face... "The Last Survivor!"
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- ☐ **POWER MAN & IRON FIST #64** — Luck and Death declare war on the Power/Fist team!
- ☐ **IRON MAN #137** — Fiery disaster on an off-shore oil rig!
- ☐ **PETER PARKER #45** — Web-head and the Vulture slug it out in Grand Central Station!
- ☐ **FANTASTIC FOUR #221** — "Crises at the North Pole!"
- ☐ **MARVEL TEAM-UP #96** — Spidey teams up with Howard the Duck!
- ☐ **INCREDIBLE HULK #250** — Special double-sized 250th anniversary issue guest-starring the Silver Surfer!

- ☐ **DEFENDERS #66** — "The Left Hand of Silence!"
- ☐ **AMAZING ADVENTURES #9** — Reprints the first half of X-Men #5. The Evil Mutants make their move!
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- ☐ **MASTER OF KUNG FU #91** — The climax of Shang Chi's Cinnatown adventure!
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- ☐ **SGT. FURY #159** — Reprinting Sgt. Fury #63. What is the new Howler's terrible secret?
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